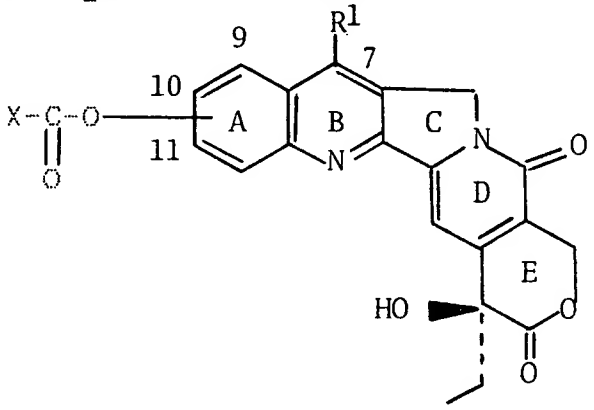
Page 32, line 20, change "phosgen" to -- phosgene -- (both occurrences).

In The Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (amended) [New camptothecin] Camptothecin derivatives of the [general] formula:



(I)

wherein R^1 is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or an alkyl group with 1-4 carbon atoms and X is a chlorine atom or $-NR^2R^3$ where R^2 and R^3 are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group with 1-4 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted [carbocyclic or heterocyclic] group selected from

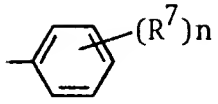
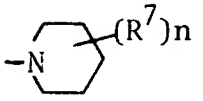
the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, N-methylpiperidyl-(4), 2-pyrrolidyl, phenyl, tolyl, xylyl, pyridyl-2 and 2-methylpyridyl-(4), with the proviso that when both R^2 and R^3 are the substituted or unsubstituted alkyl groups, they may be combined together with the nitrogen atom, to which they are bonded, to form a heterocyclic ring ~~which may be interrupted with -O-, -S- and/or >N-R^4~~ selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, 2-oxapyrrolidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine and 4-R^4 piperizine rings in which R^4 is a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group with 1-4 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group and wherein the grouping -O-CO-X is bonded to a carbon atom located in any of the 9-, 10- and 11-positions in the ring A, [as well as an] and ammonium salts or [an] alkali metal salts thereof.

2. (~~amended~~) [New] The camptothecin derivatives according to claim 1, wherein R^2, R^3 or R^4 in case of the alkyl group is substituted by one or more substituents selected from the following atoms and/or groups:

(A) -F, -Cl, -Br and -I,

(B) -OH and -OR^5,

(C) -$COOR^6$, -SO_3R^6 and -$PO(R^6)_2$,

(D)  and  ,

(E) $-NR^8R^9$ and $-CONR^8R^9$, and

(F) $-Q-A-OR^5$, $-Q-A-NR^8R^9$ and $-Q-A-Q-R^5$

wherein R^5 is an alkyl group with 1-4 carbon atoms or a phenyl group which may be substituted by a halogen atom or an alkyl group with 1-4 carbon atoms, R^6 is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group with 1-4 carbon atoms, R^7 is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group with 1-4 carbon atoms or an alkoxy group with 1-4 carbon atoms, n is an integer of 1-3, R^8 and R^9 are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group with 1-4 carbon atoms with the proviso that when both R^8 and R^9 are the alkyl groups, they may be combined together with the nitrogen atom, to which they are bonded, to form a heterocyclic ~~[group which may be interrupted with O, S or >N-R^6]~~ ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, 2-oxapyrrolidine, morpholine and 4-R^4-piperazine rings, Q is the grouping -O-CO- or -CO-O-, and A is a straight or branched chain alkylene group with 1-4 carbon atoms.

Please cancel claims 3-17 without prejudice and without disclaimer of any of the subject matter contained therein, and substitute the following claims therefor.

28. Camptothecin derivatives according to claim 1, which are 9-chlorocarbonyloxy-7-R^1-camptothecins.

29. Camptothecin derivatives according to claim 1, which are 10-chlorocarbonyloxy-7-R^1-camptothecins.

30. Camptothecin derivatives according to claim 1, which are 11-chlorocarbonyloxy-7-R^1 camptothecins.

31. Camptothecin derivatives according to claim 1, which are 9-(4-R^4-1-piperazino)carbonyloxy-7-R^1-camptothecins.

32. Camptothecin derivatives according to claim 1, which are 9-(1-piperazino)carbonyloxy-7-R^1-camptothecins.

33. Camptothecin derivatives according to claim 1, which are 9-[(4-C$_{1-4}$ alkylcarbamoylmethyl)-1-piperazino]carbonyloxy-7-R^1-camptothecins.

34. Camptothecin derivatives according to claim 1, which are 9-[4-(1-piperidino)-1-piperidino]carbonyloxy-7-R^1-camptothecins.

35. Camptothecin derivatives according to claim 1, which are 10-(di-C$_{1-4}$ alkylamino)carbonyloxy-7-R^1-camptothecins.

36. Camptothecin derivatives according to claim 1, which are 10-[N-(di-C$_{1-4}$ alkylamino-C$_{1-4}$ alkyl)]aminocarbonyloxy-7-R^1-camptothecins.

37. Camptothecin derivatives according to claim 1, which are 10-[N-C$_{1-4}$ alkyl-N-(di-C$_{1-4}$ alkylamino-C$_{1-4}$ alkyl)]amino-carbonyloxy-7-R^1-camptothecins.

13. Camptothecin derivatives according to claim 1, which are 10-[N-C$_{1-8}$ alkyl-N-(1-C$_{1-4}$ alkyl-4-piperidino)amino]-carbonyloxy-7-R^{1} -camptothecins.

14. Camptothecin derivatives according to claim 1, which are 10-[4-R^{4} -1-piperazino]carbonyloxy-7-R^{1} -camptothecins.

15. Camptothecin derivatives according to claim 1, which are 10-(1-piperazino)carbonyloxy-7-R^{1} -camptothecins.

16. Camptothecin derivatives according to claim 1, which are 10-(4-C$_{1-4}$ alkyl-1-piperazino)carbonyloxy-7-R^{1} -camptothecins.

17. Camptothecin derivatives according to claim 1, which are 10-(4-phenyl-1-piperazino)carbonyloxy-7-R^{1} -camptothecins.

18. Camptothecin derivatives according to claim 1, which are 10-(4-benzyl-1-piperazino)carbonyloxy-7-R^{1} -camptothecins.

19. Camptothecin derivatives according to claim 1, which are 10-[(4-C$_{1-4}$ alkylcarbamoylmethyl)-1-piperazino]carbonyloxy-7-R^{1} -camptothecins.

20. Camptothecin derivatives according to claim 1, which are 10-[4-(piperidino)-1-piperidino]carbonyloxy-7-R^{1} -camptothecins.